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| n re Application of: Noriaki Hashimoto |) |
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| Filed: 4/14/2004 |) Examiner: M.U. Phan)) Group Art Unit: 2616 |
| For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR |) |
| CLOSED COMMUNICATION | (|
| NETWORK WITHOUT A DEDICATED PROTECTION NETWORK SEGMENT |) |

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action of September 26, 2007, the period for response being extended for three months by the payment of the appropriate extension fees.

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